

4. (Amended) The pipe fitting as claimed in' claim 1, wherein the fitting is selected from the group consisting of an elbow joint, a T joint, a straight joint, and an end cap.

Add the following claims:

5. (New) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 2, made of a galvanised iron material.

6. (New) The pipe fitting as claimed in' claim 2, wherein the fitting is selected from the group consisting of an elbow joint, a T joint, a straight joint, and an end cap.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the abstract with:

ABSTRACT

A pipe fitting includes a hollow body and at least one open end for connection to a pipe fitting, the end including internal screw threads . The end includes an integral extension collar which has an inner diameter larger than the screw threads for surrounding unused trailing screw threads of a pipe joined to the fitting and forming an annular gap for holding a sealing compound. The collar has a wall of a comparable thickness to the and an outer diameter larger than the body of the fitting.